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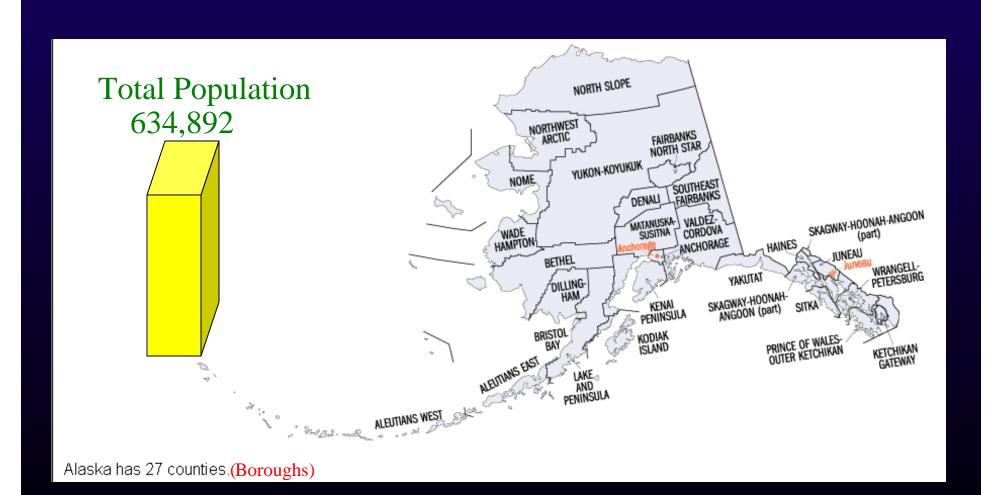
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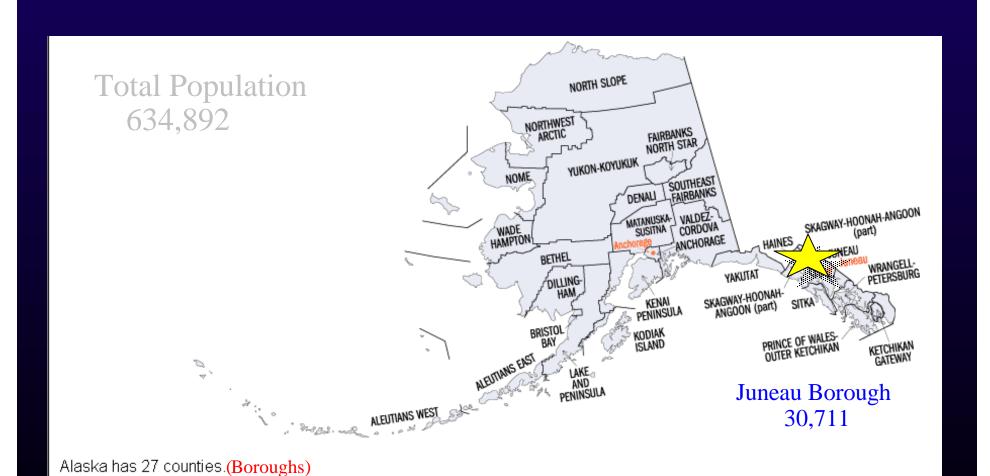
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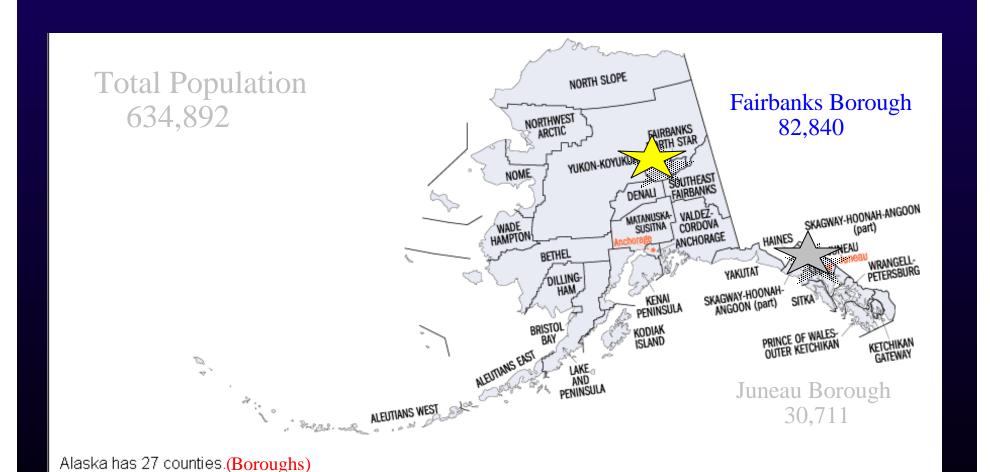


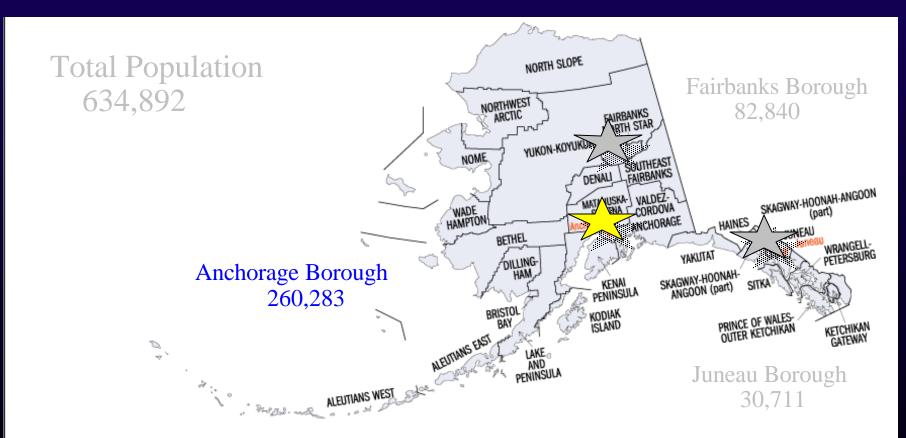
The position of Alaska to the Lower 48.







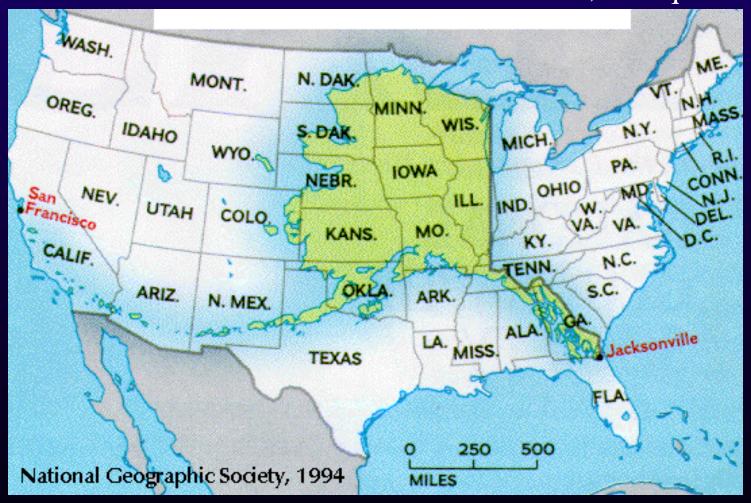




Alaska has 27 counties.(Boroughs)

Total Area of Alaska:

586,412 sq. mi.



Which is bigger than TX, CA, and MT together



Lake Hood, in Anchorage, is the largest Float Plane Base in the world.



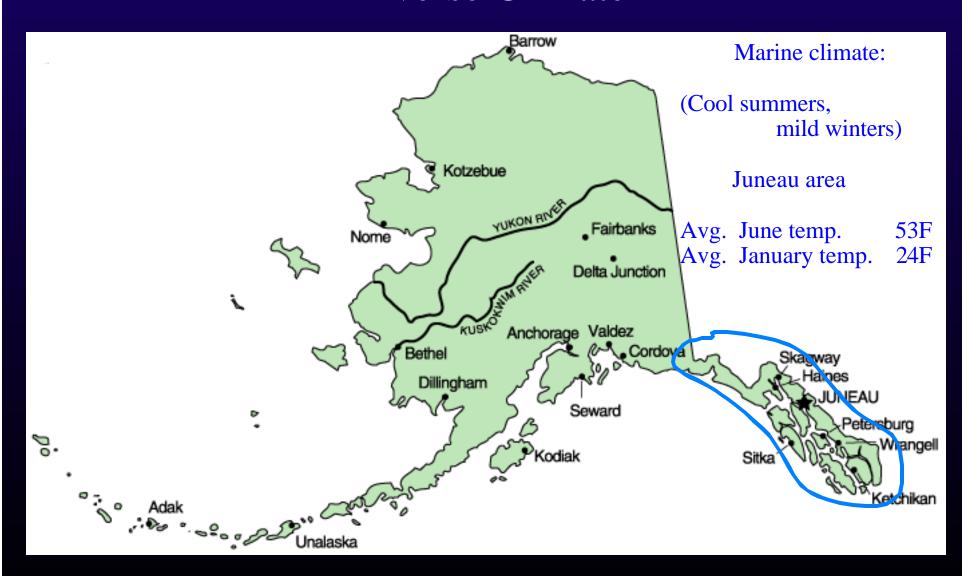
Kodiak (left) and Dutch Harbor (below) both consistantly rank in the top five largest Fishing Ports in US.

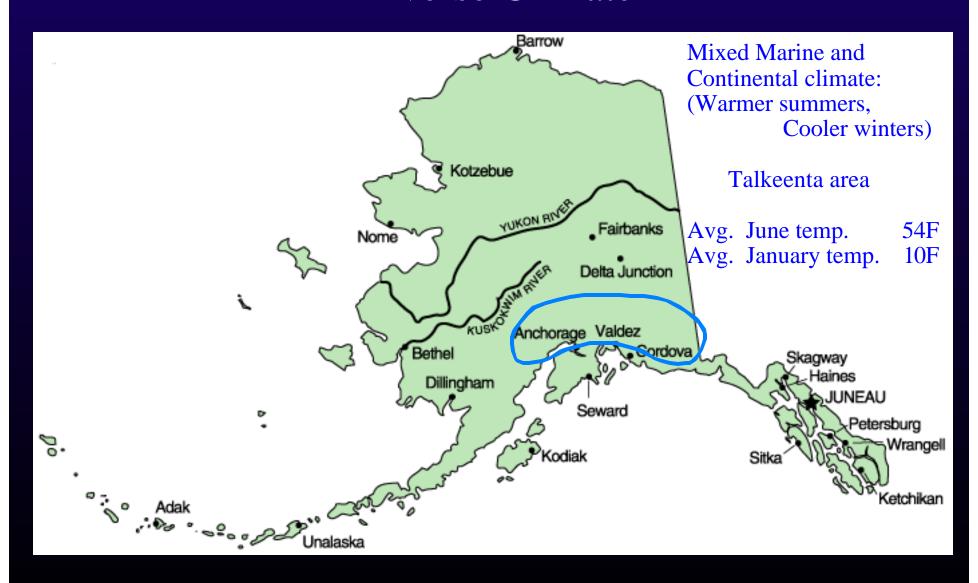


The diversity of Alaska:

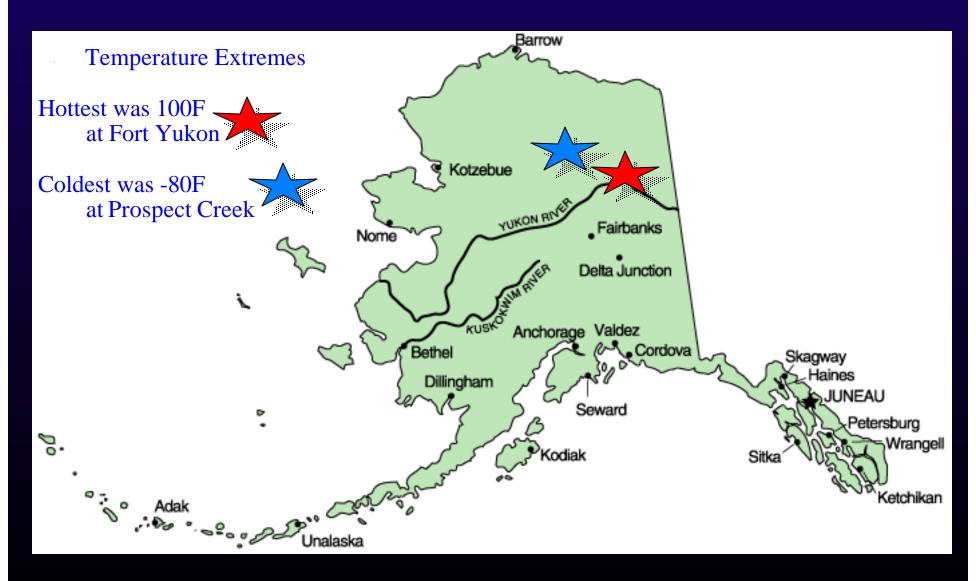


- 1. Climate
- 2. Topography 4. Distances 6. Entertainment
- 3. Cultures
- 5. Wildlife

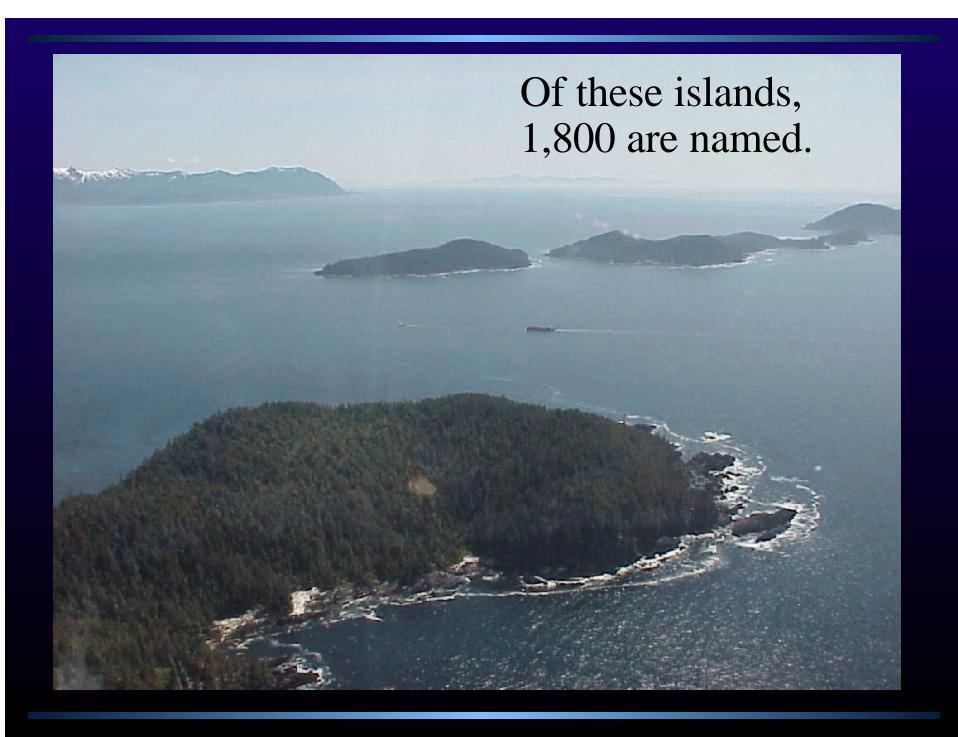


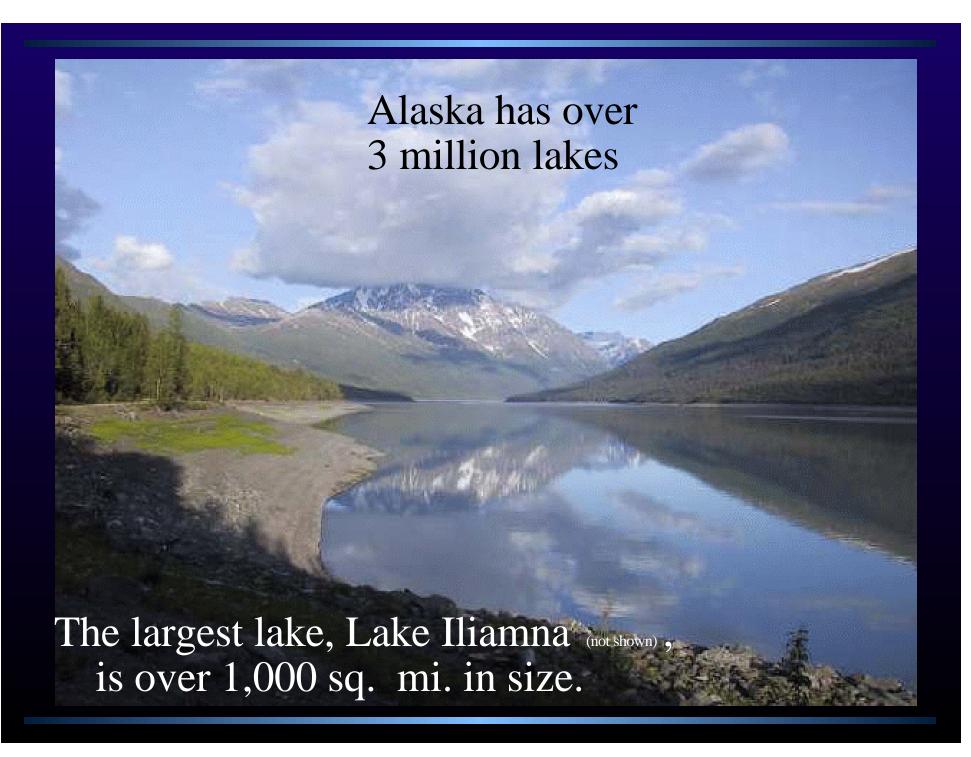


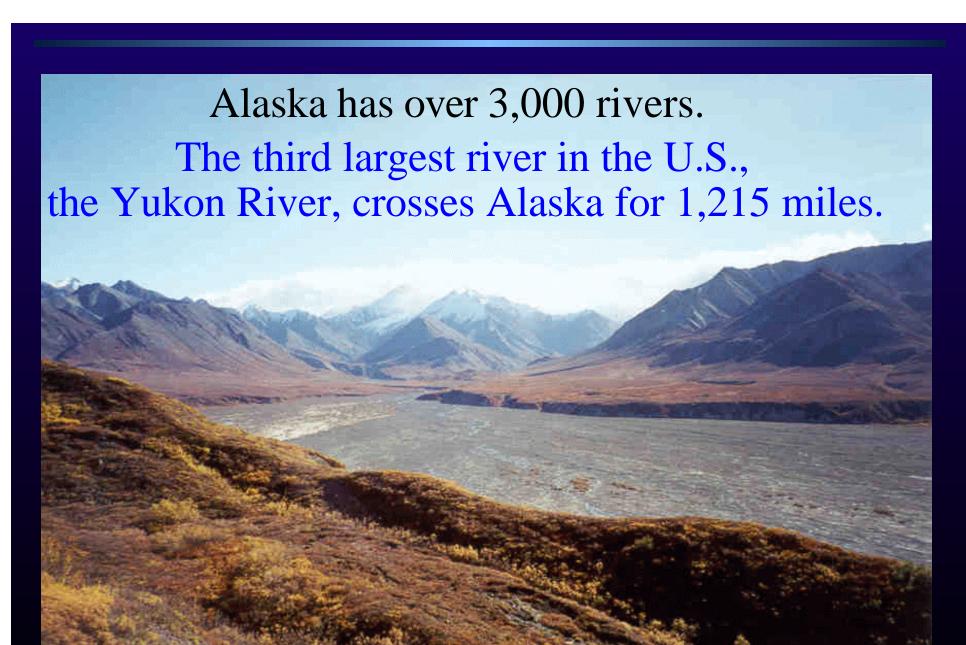












17 of the tallest peaks in the U.S. are in Alaska.

The highest peak in North America is Mt. Denali (Mt. McKinley) at 20,320 ft above sea level.

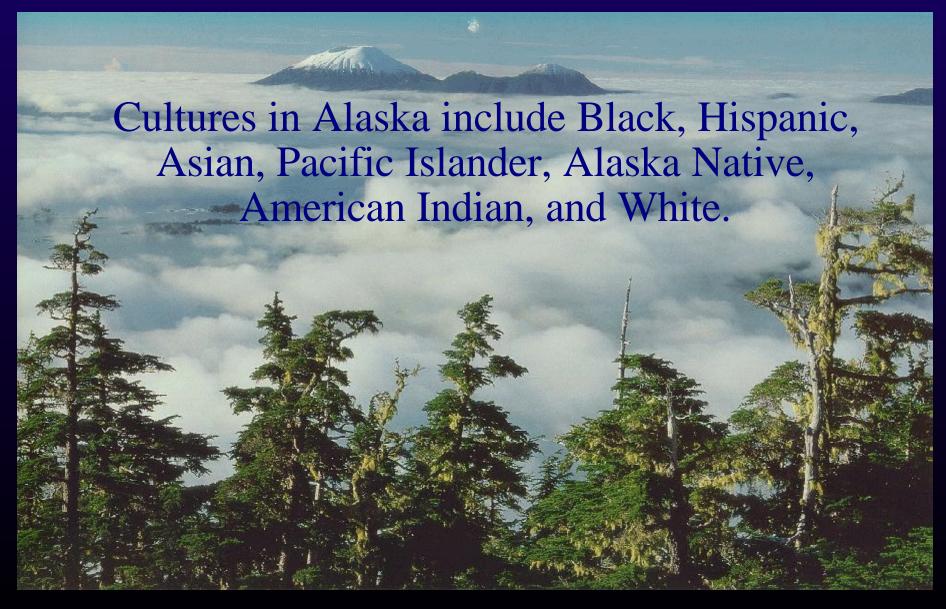


Glaciers in Alaska number close to 100,000



and cover about 29,000 sq. mi.

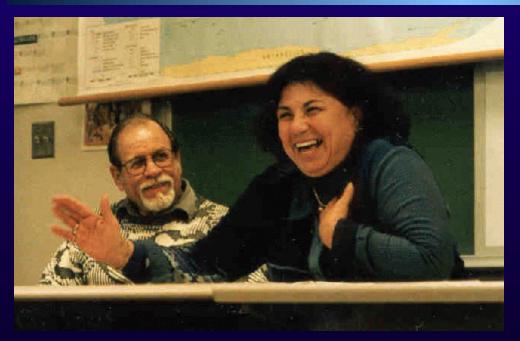
Diverse Cultures

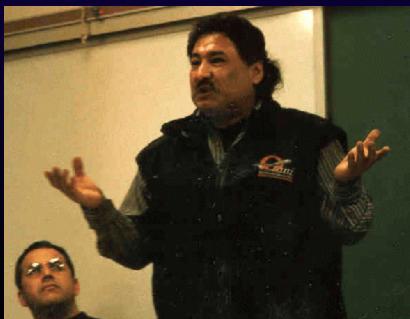




Black





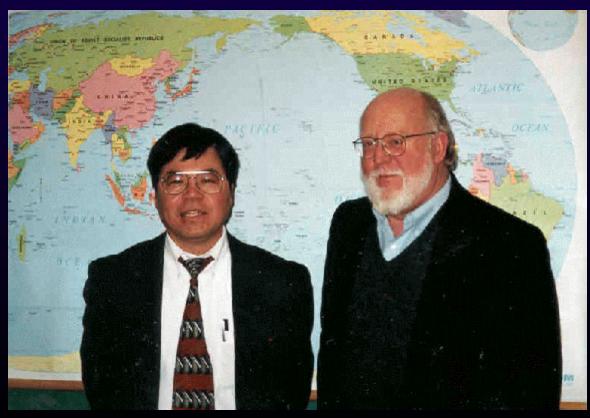


Hispanic





Asian





Pacific Islander

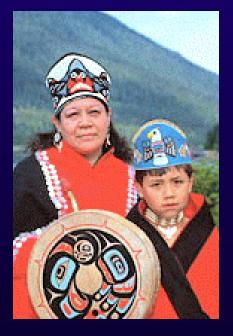


American Indian





License Plates of American Indian Tribes in Alaska





Alaska Native







Vast Diverse Distances



nearly
1,300 Miles
North to
South

Almost 2,400 Miles
East to West

Bear - Brown, Black, Polar

Dall Sheep



Moose



Caribou

Salmon

Snowy Owl



Hare



Ermine



Diverse Wildlife



Eagles















Mountain Goats



Musk Ox

Wolves



Sea Lion



Seals

Walrus



Wolverine



Fox - Arctic, Red, Cross

Fishing

Hunting

Boating

Flying

Cruises



Snow-machining

Baseball/Softball

Gardening

Resort Lodges

Canoeing

Moto-cross

White Water Rafting

Downhill Skiing

Cross-country Skiing

Surfing





Enjoy the Alaskan pleasures of:



Bicycling

Backpacking

Museums



Movies

Theaters



Wildlife Viewing

ATV Trail Riding

Dining out in the City

Cooking over Camp Fire

Big City Lights



Wilderness Cabin

Jogging

Kayaking

Picnic Spots

Climbing, Ice/Rock/Mountain

Basketball



Bowling

Horse-back Riding

Tennis

Hiking

Dog Mushing



Camping

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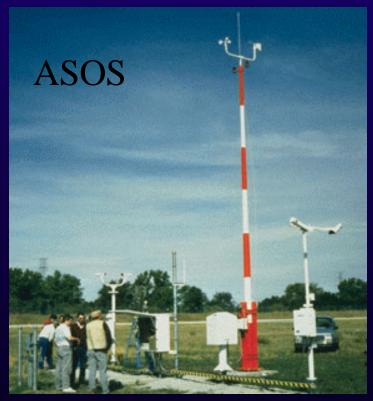
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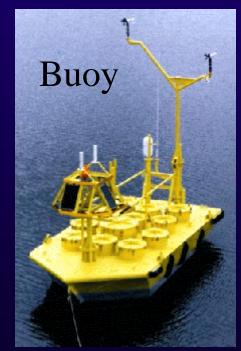
Let's look at some of the things we do.

Some of the jobs that Alaska National Weather Service performs.

- 1. Observations
- 2. Marine Forecast
- Public Forecast
- 4. Aviation Forecast
- 5. Rivers Forecast
- 6. Fire Weather Forecast
- 7. Equipment and Facilities Maintenance
- 8. Computer Operations, Hardware/Software
- 9. Administrative Functions
- 10. TV and Radio Broadcasts









Observations and data Collections





Our highly trained professionals use observational data, radar, satellite imagery, climatology, aircraft and ship reports, and computer models to make accurate and timely forecasts for:

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Aviation Forecast

On average there is about one plane for every eight Alaskans.

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Rivers Forecast

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Fire Weather Forecast

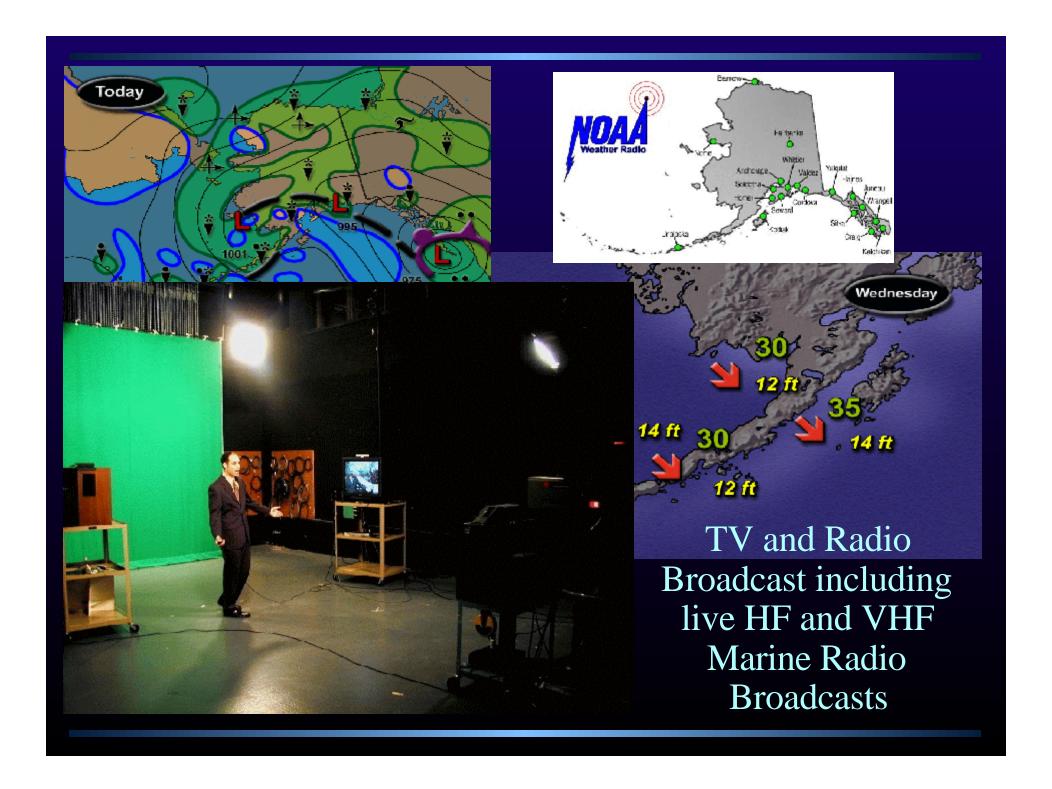
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Computer Operations

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Alaska National Weather Service Career Fields Titles?

Series #	Series Title
GS-0260	Equal Employment Opportunity Manag
GS-0303	Administrative Support Assistant
GS-0318	Secretary - Office Automation
GS-0326	Office Automation Clerk
GS-0342	Support Services Specialist
GS-0343	Management and Program Analyst
GS-0560	Budget Analyst
GS-0801	General Engineer
GS-0802	Engineering Technician
GS-0856	Electronic Technician
GS-1301	Physical Scientist
GS-1311	Physical Science Technician
GS-1313	Geophysicist
GS-1315	Hydrologist
GS-1316	Hydrological Technician
GS-1340	Meteorologist
GS-1341	Meteorological Technician
GS-2005	Supply Technician
GS-2102	Transportation Assistant
GS-2210	Information Technology Management
WS-4797	Maintenance Mechanic Foreman
WG-4797	Maintenance Mechanic

These Career Fields in Alaska represent about 320 total employees.

The average annual turnover rate is between 17 and 18%. The GS-1341 Meteorological Technician series accounts for a large portion of this percentage.

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GS-0802	Engineering Technician
GS-0856	Electronic Technician
GS-1301	Physical Scientist
GS-1311	Physical Science Technician
GS-1313	Geophysicist
GS-1315	Hydrologist
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1300 series represents about 43% of workforce. Also requires shift work.

Possible Offices to Work at:

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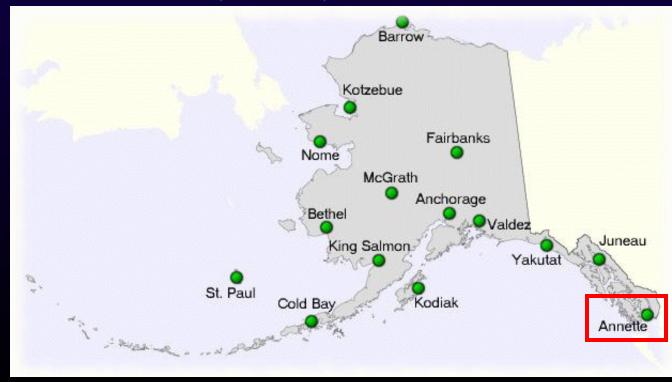
12 Weather Service Offices

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Southeast: Annette, Yakutat

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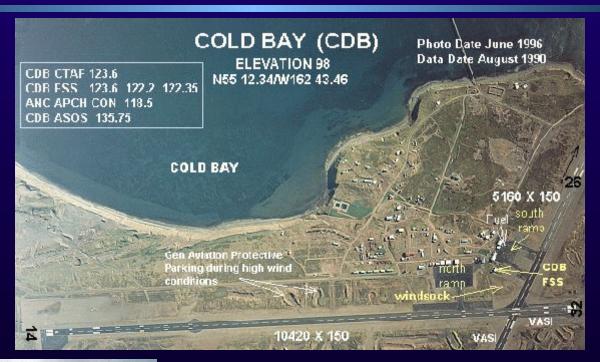
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Cold Bay





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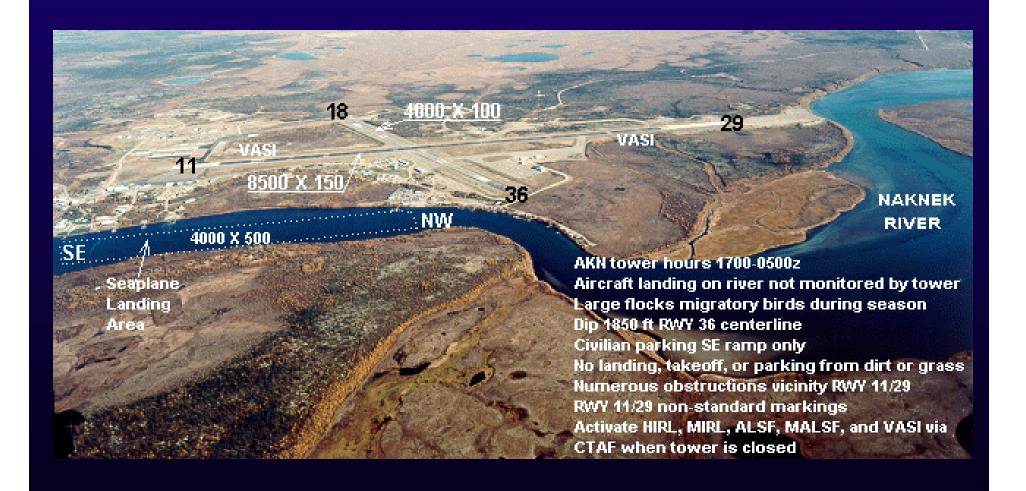
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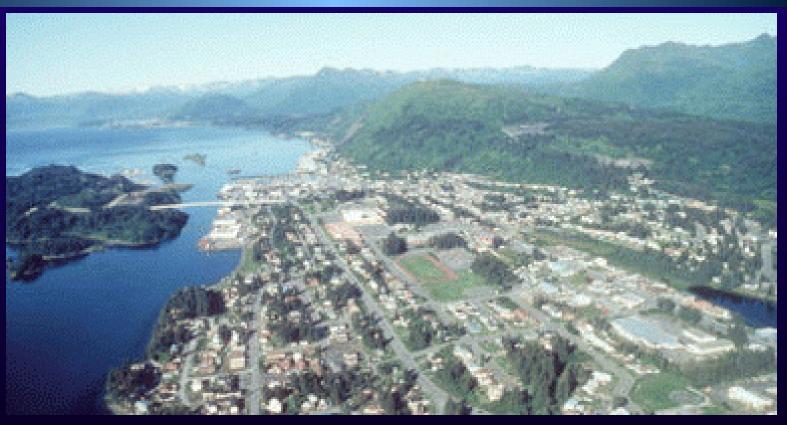
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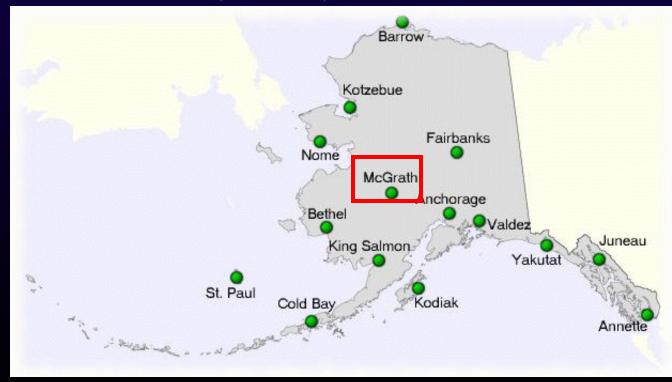
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Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome North:









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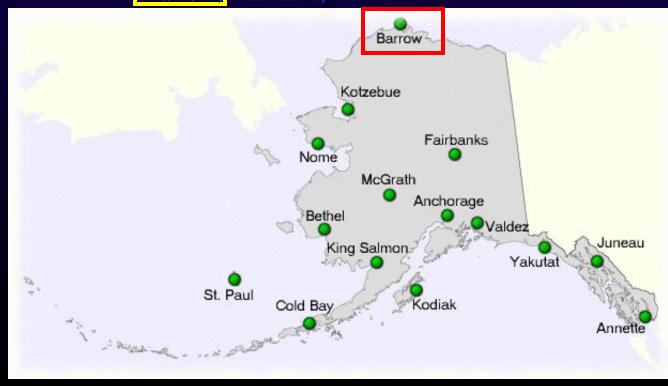
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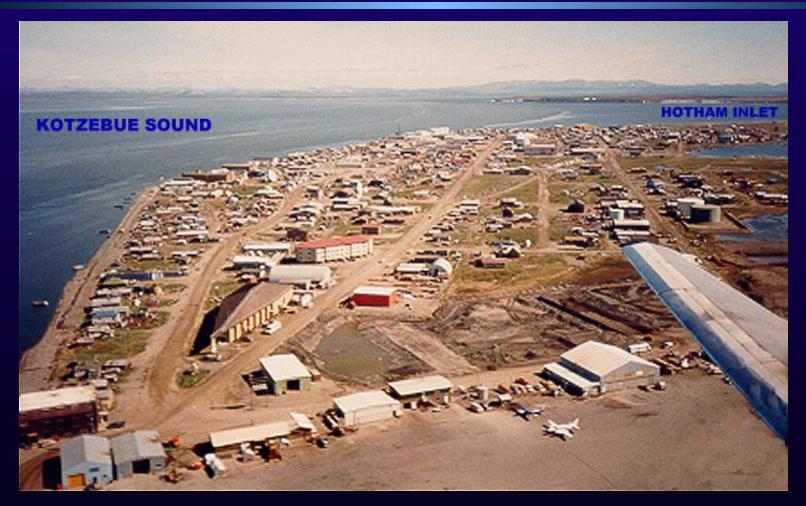
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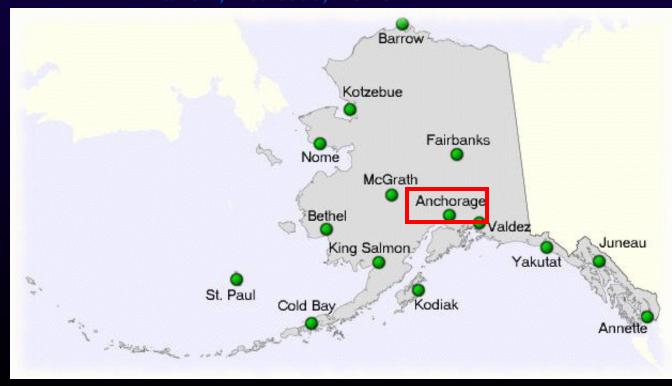
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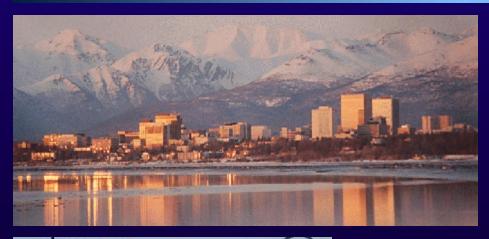
WFO Cities:

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Anchorage



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West Coast / Alaska Tsunami Warning Center



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Center Weather Service Unit is in the FAA's Air Route Traffic Control Center



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Alaska Regional Headquarters is in the Federal Building.









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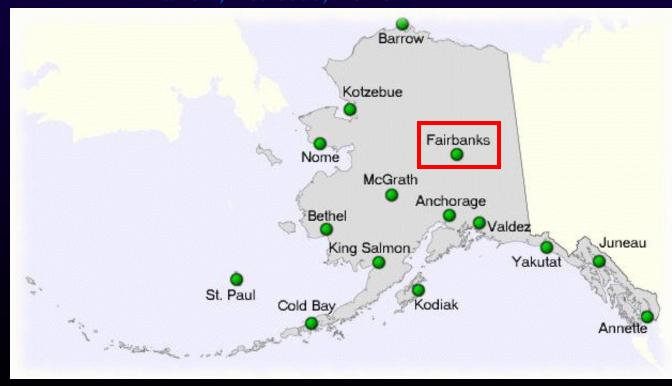
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Juneau Forecast Office



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Financial Considerations: The following is subject to change:

- 1. If you start out as a GS5, your income would be over \$31,000 / year which includes a 25% tax free Cost Of Living Allowance. Your salary would be even more with shift differential.
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*** Different career paths have varying pay ladders and advancement. We will use the professional series for number 1 and 2 below. This series represents about 43% of NWS employees in Alaska. ***

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*** Relocation entitlements vary whether moving to and / or within the Alaska Region. Entitlements may include transportation of a vehicle, moving and storage of household goods, and en route per diem (which includes Lodging, Meals, and some incidentals). ***

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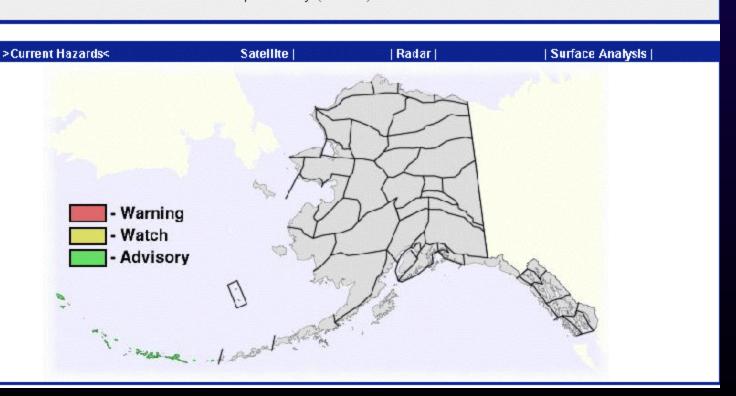
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GS-0856	Electronic	
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GS-0802	Engineering Technician
GS-0856	Electronic Technician
GS-1301	Physical Scientist
GS-1311	Physical Science Technician
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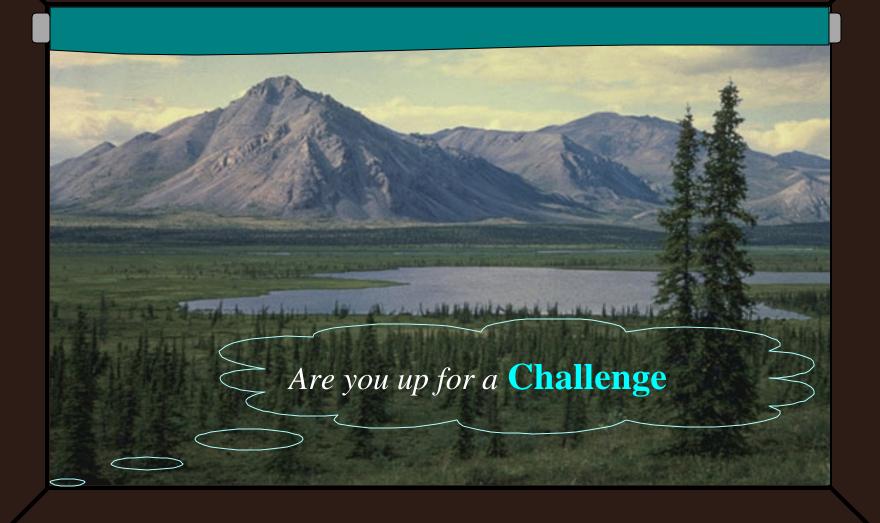
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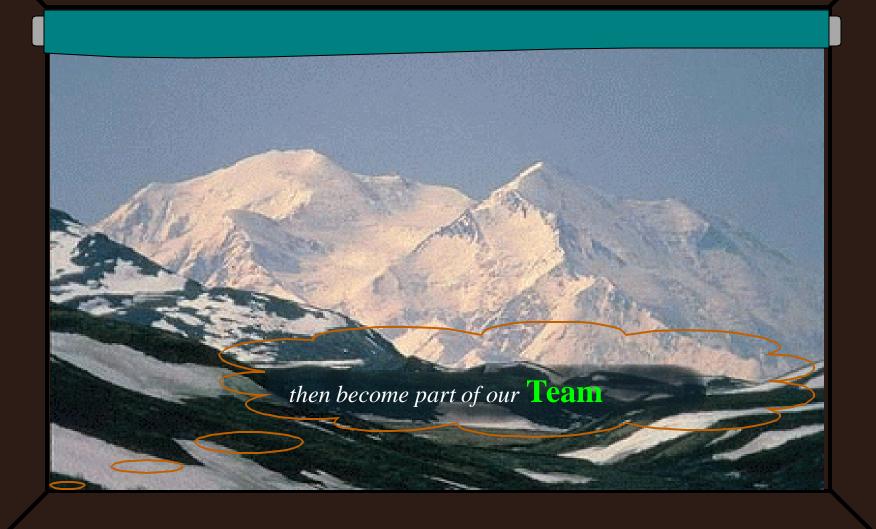






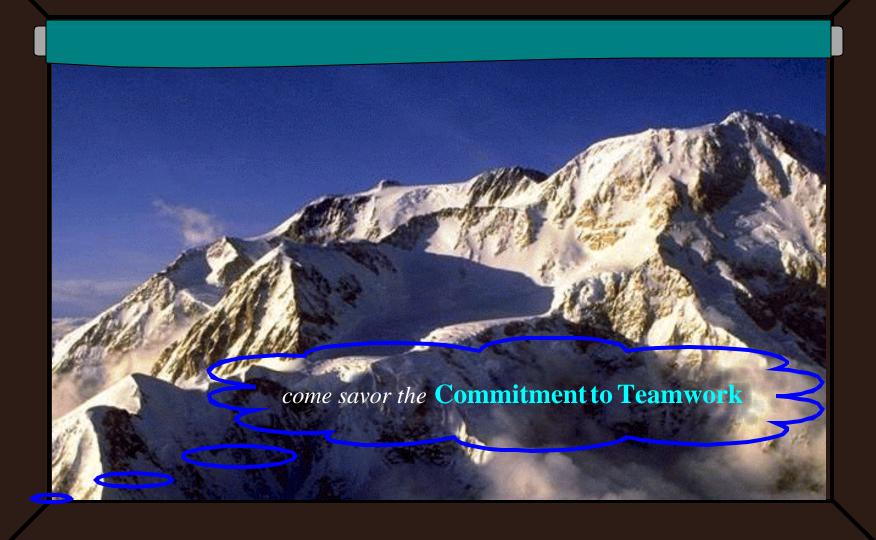


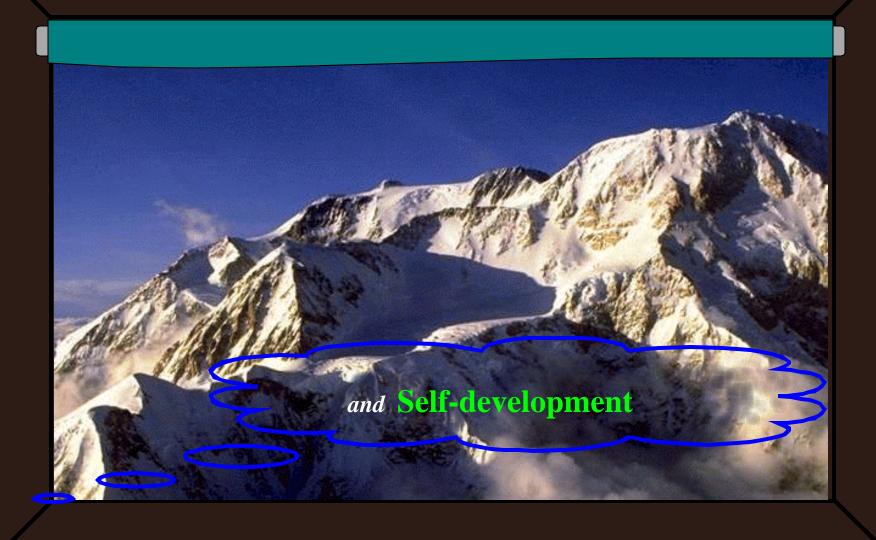


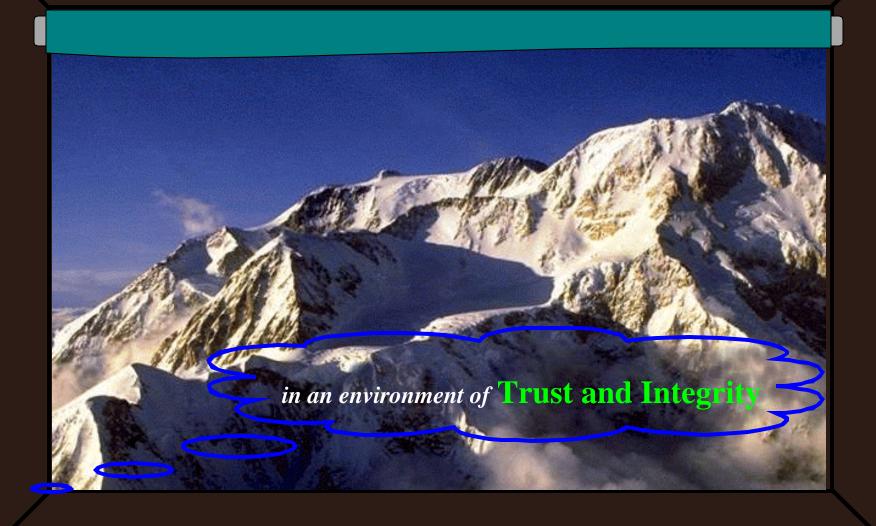






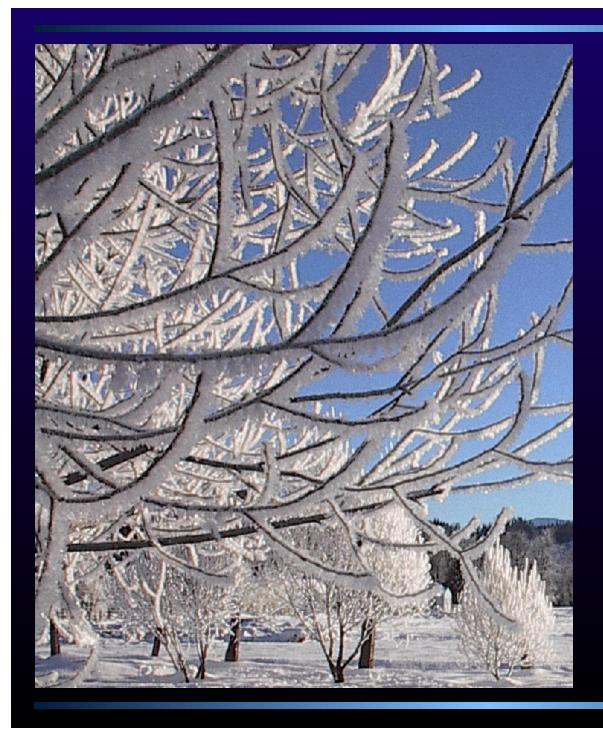












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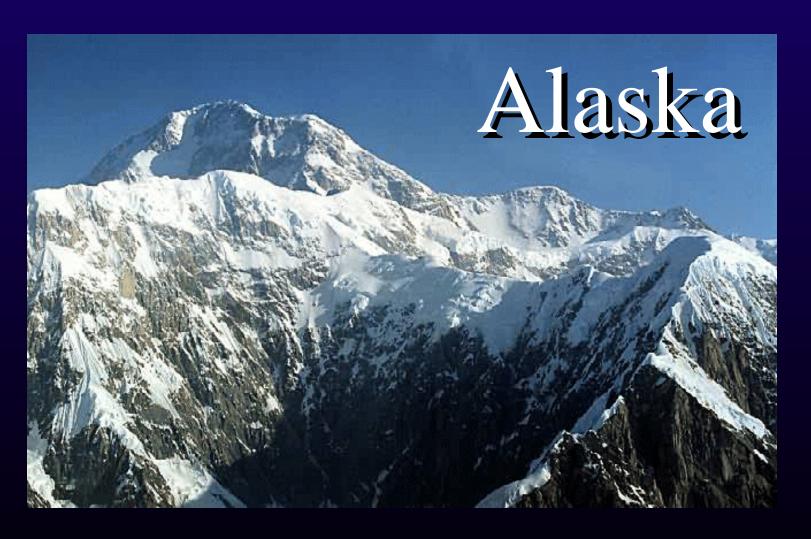
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